

Gun-toting robbers steal \$100,000 in computer chips from Markham store

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Two store owners were robbed at gunpoint of \$100,000 worth of computer chips Thursday morning as they arrived for work.

Police are looking for witnesses to the violent robbery that left the two victims shaken but uninjured, tied up in their own store.

The pair, including a 44-year-old Richmond Hill woman, arrived at the Canova computer store on Denison Rd. in Markham about 9:25 a.m.

As they were about to go inside, they were approached from behind by two suspects wearing black balaclavas. One was armed with a black revolver.

Both victims were grabbed and held by the assailants, the gun trained on them.

The owners were ordered to open up the inner door, disarm the alarm and take the bandits around the store as they robbed the place.

The suspects then tied them up, fleeing in a waiting late-model white Dodge Caravan.

The victims eventually managed to break free of their bonds and called police.

"I would think a moment like that would be with them forever," said Sgt. John Sheldon. "We're looking for the public's help in apprehending these suspects."

Anyone with information is asked to call the hold-up squad at 881-1221, ext. 7873 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Man clubbed with tire iron while using bank machine

A 49-year-old Vaughan man was clubbed with a tire iron and robbed of his cash and wallet outside a Thornhill bank machine Wednesday.

Police said the victim was in the CIBC kiosk on Yonge Street in Thornhill when a man, dressed in a business suit, approached him from behind.

The victim noticed the man pulling a scarf up over his face and decided to leave, but was smashed on the right shoulder with the tire iron.

He ran out into the parking lot,

chased by the assailant, where he fell and dropped the cash and his wallet.

It was picked up and a man fled in a dark-coloured, four-door Lincoln Town car.

Sight in one eye at stake after youth hit by paint pellet

An 18-year-old Markham man could lose the vision in one eye after being hit by a paint pellet while at a friend's house Wednesday.

Police responded to Markham Stouffville Hospital about 9 p.m. and were told earlier that evening the victim was with about nine friends at a Daniel Court home.

He's not sure exactly what happened, just realized he had been hit and had paint in his eye, police said.

While it's possible the youth could make a full recovery, he could also lose all or part of his sight, doctors have told police.

A 20-year-old Markham man is charged with aggravated assault and possession of dangerous weapons.

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Emmanuel International Celebrates 25 years

Emmanuel Int'l., the only missionary ministry with its international headquarters in York Region, marked its 25th anniversary with a weekend of special events.

Representatives were on hand from all over the world where E.I. is currently serving. These included Brazil, Haiti, Malawi,

Philippines, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Former Emmanuel missionaries were in attendance from California, England, and the Philippines. Rev. Joy Carroll Wallis, a 1970's Haiti alumnus from England, summed up her experience with E.I. as, "Ruined for Life!" referring to the fact that the rest of her life since, has been centred on helping the less fortunate.

Pastor and Madame Martinez, Emmanuel's Haiti directors, brought three national Haitian with them to thank E.I. in person for the "Christian high school that you helped us establish and for the impact its having on our future leaders."

Howard Ratcliff, who has followed E.I.'s development from its inception and who was instrumental in having the

mission locate in York Region at the former Parkside Youth Centre, expressed his pleasure at the continuing vibrancy and impact of this ministry.

George Middleton founded the mission in 1975. He was succeeded by his son Mark as international director in 1985. Mark, in order to develop "Global Talk" a support ministry for mission agencies like E.I., turned the directorship over to Andy Atkins in July of '97.

Andy summarized the weekend as being "a taste of Heaven, renewing relationships, sharing memories and hearing reports of many lives impacted for good and for God." He remarked further that the gathering of staff, alumnae, supporters and friends from all across the world demonstrated that Emmanuel Int'l. is truly "a team effort."

George Middleton closed the weekend celebration with a challenge for today's youth: "Set your sights higher than fun, food and fellowship. Get out into the world and make a difference."

Information concerning E.I.'s world-wide ministries can be obtained by calling (905) 640-2111.

~ submitted by Paul Fawcett



Mark & Candy Middleton (previous General Director) George Middleton (Founder) Andrew & Judy Atkins (General Director)



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Show us that your gifts of life and love
empower us to be your children,
the sons and daughters of your will
in a world made barren by a lack of love.

Forgive us the barriers we erect
to separate ourselves from others' needs.
Forgive us the desire to clutch to our breast
the blessings you have showered upon us.
Forgive us the refusal to recognize ourselves
as a necessary element in your plan
if your love is to be effective in our world.

Set us free of our past failures,
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